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**PINCHOT DECLARES  
TAFT IS FRIENDLY  
TO CONSERVATION****Chief Forester Has Confidence in the President's Attitude.****BALLINGER TROUBLE  
NOT DISCUSSED****Speech at National Conservation Congress Proves No Bombshell.**

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 27.—Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot opened the second day's session of the National Conservation Congress with an address in which he expressed his entire satisfaction and confidence in the attitude of President Taft toward conserving the national resources.

Pinchot's speech had been awaited with considerable interest by all factions, following his recent controversy with Secretary Ballinger. Following the policy Pinchot and his followers have laid down, the speech proved no bombshell, for no reference was made to Secretary Ballinger or his attitude.

Pinchot's address will not, at this meeting, interrupt directly any phase of the recent controversy.

**Three Primary Objects.**  
In his address, Mr. Pinchot said: "Conservation has three primary objects:

"First: To develop our natural resources so that this generation may have its full share and use of the riches of this earth.

"Second: To prevent a needless waste and destruction of these resources so that future generations may likewise have a just share in the material foundation of our prosperity.

"Third: To see that our great natural resources, when so developed, shall be protected and used for the permanent welfare of the many instead of the few.

"This conservation idea covers a wide field. It aims at the greatest good for the greatest number in the longest time. It is simple, definite and direct. Advocates the use of foresight, prudence, thrift and intelligence in public affairs and private business. It proclaims equal rights and it is the duty of the people to think and to act for the benefit of the whole people.

"Therefore, in a word, it demands the application of common sense to common problems for the common good.

**Prevention of Waste.**  
"The principles of conservation thus described, have a general application, the breadth and value of which is very remarkable. The development of our resources and opportunities, the prevention of waste and loss, and the protection of the public interests by foresight, prudence, thrift and intelligence—all this applies with clear and undeniable force to the conservation of our national resources. But it applies just as clearly and undeniably to the conservation of every interest that is necessary for the entire people.

"Conservation," from my viewpoint, is valuable in education as in forestry. It applies to the body politic as well as to the earth and its minerals. It applies as much to municipal franchises as it does to the earth and its minerals. Municipal franchises are as squarely within its sphere as franchises for water power. It applies to the subject of good roads as well as to waterways, and the training of our people in effective citizenship is as germane to it as an increase in the productivity of our soils.

"Conservation, the application of common sense to common problems for the common good, with directness to efficiency wherever it is given control. We are coming to see that conservation will have two great results—to conserve our natural resources, which guarantee our welfare, and to lead our people to greater wisdom and effectiveness in every department of our common life.

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**WEATHER REPORT.**  
The West Indian hurricane that was first observed last Friday southeast of Martinique, is now approaching the Texas coast, where it is causing strong north and northeast winds and high tides.

During the next thirty-six hours the weather will be fair east of the Mississippi river, except that showers are probable in eastern Florida, the upper Lake region, and Indiana.

The winds along the New England coast will be moderate west to north-west; on the middle Atlantic coast light to moderate variable, mostly northerly; on the south Atlantic coast light variable, except moderate easterly on the Florida coast; on the east Gulf coast moderate easterly.

**FORECAST FOR DISTRICT.**  
Fair tonight and Saturday; light to moderate variable winds.

**TEMPERATURES.**  
8 a. m. 78  
9 a. m. 79  
10 a. m. 80  
11 a. m. 82  
12 noon 83  
1 p. m. 85  
2 p. m. 86

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun rises 5:23  
Sun sets 6:49

**TIDE TABLE.**  
Today—High tide, 4:34 a. m.; 4:54 p. m.  
Low tide, 12:10 a. m.; 11:30 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 5:13 a. m.; 5:52 p. m.  
Low tide, 12:38 a. m.

**CONDITION OF RIVERS.**  
HARPER'S FERRY, Aug. 27.—The Potomac is clear and the Shenandoah is cloudy today.

**A Good Door, \$1.50 apiece.**  
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave. —Adv.

**PROSPERITY HERE,  
MERCHANT'S OPINION****Cuno H. Rudolph Sees Period of Business Success.****IS NOT CONFINED  
TO ANY ONE LINE****There Is Good Demand for Money, and Rates Are Fair.**

With labor at a premium, factories filled with orders, and a remarkable absence of speculation, the entire country, in the opinion of Cuno H. Rudolph, president of the hardware firm of Rudolph & West Company, has already entered upon a period of prosperity the extent of which has never been equaled in the country's history. Mr. Rudolph is of the opinion that the prosperity is not confined to one line of trade.

The prevailing conditions in the hardware and metal business, said Mr. Rudolph, today, are generally conceded to offer the safest basis for arriving at an estimate of the status of all other lines of business. You may therefore say that present conditions are most gratifying, and prospects for the future were never brighter.

That the coming prosperity is a reality and that every line of industry confidently expects to share in it is indicated by the preparations being made in Washington for increased business.

**Dealers Are Alive.**  
"In Washington, as well as all over the country," said Mr. Rudolph, "dealers are alive to the new situation, and expressing their confidence by placing very much larger orders with jobbers and manufacturers than they did even less than a year ago, when doubt and depression still existed. There is every indication that the hand-to-mouth ordering has entirely ceased, and that business men are looking well ahead to future requirements. And it is well that they do so. Our information is that mills and factories are being crowded with orders and deliveries must necessarily be delayed. One large iron and steel mill is now up to the revision of the tariff in many instances will result in increased prices to the consumer. This, however, should be overcome in Mr. Rudolph's opinion by the fact that labor will get more money and steadier employment and therefore will be well equipped to pay the increases demanded.

**Felt in Real Estate.**  
That the prosperity is making itself felt in the real estate market is indicated by Mr. Rudolph.

"The building industry of our city," he said, "is particularly active at this time, and it is fair to predict that a number of buildings and general excellence of construction this year will exceed any previous one. As for this activity in other cities, an interesting report recently published by 'The American Contractor' shows that during the past month a gain in the aggregate of 35 per cent over July, 1908, was made in some forty cities throughout the country.

"From a financial point of view the outlook is equally bright. Bank clearings for the first half of August show large gains over the same period of 1908. There is a good demand for money, and only two, whether of the kind or not, are being offered for sale. One is by an automobile road, winding about the mountain from its base. The other is by a steep incline, built to carry materials up the mountain for the new house.

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**WOLFE IS UNABLE  
TO SWIM CHANNEL**

**Edward Heaton, of England, Now Trying to Breast Dangerous Passage.**

DOVER, Aug. 27.—James Wolfe had given up his attempt to swim the English channel after being in the water nine hours and covering thirteen miles. Wolfe returned to Dover today aboard the relief boat that followed him. He says he has had enough of channel swimming.

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**SLIPS ON THE ICE  
AND IS BADLY HURT**

**Desk Sergeant Thinks Policeman Is Joking, But Finds That It's Pretty Serious Case and Victim Goes to Georgetown University Hospital.**

"Send the wagon to Thirty-fifth and K streets. A man slipped on the ice, and is seriously hurt."

When the desk sergeant at the Georgetown precinct received this message from Policeman McDermott at 8 o'clock this morning, he quietly drew his handkerchief from his pocket, mopped his brow, and asked the policeman to repeat it. McDermott repeated. The desk sergeant looked pained. He called the wagon man to the phone. McDermott repeated again, this time with some heat.

**Sends Extra Man.**  
Finding they had heard the same thing the desk sergeant called Captain Schneider, consulted with him a minute, and sent the wagon hustling toward Thirty-fifth and K streets. Along with it went an extra man to take McDermott's place if it was necessary for him to go to the hospital.

"Get ready to receive a man who slipped on the ice and is seriously hurt," the interne on duty at Georgetown University Hospital heard over the phone from Thirty-fifth and K streets.

The interne looked at the thermometer, felt his pulse, pulled a small pocket mirror from his blouse, and took a hasty glance at his tongue. Then he called the orderly on duty at the phone and hastily mixed himself a dose of nuxvomica.

**Into Operating Room.**  
With a rattle the Seventh precinct wagon drew up to the hospital door, and the man was tenderly carried into the operating room. He was groaning and seemed seriously hurt.

"How did it happen?" queried the interne.

"He slipped on the ice and fell," solemnly answered Policeman McDermott. The surgeon looked at the man at the policeman, and reached for the nuxvomica bottle again.

But it was all true. McDermott was in full possession of his senses. Edward Wells, of 2822 Twenty-fourth street northwest, employed at the Crystal Plate Ice Company's warehouse, in Georgetown, was helping to load a wagon with ice, and slipped while standing on a large cake. Another cake was sliding toward him at the time, and he did not have time to get out of the way before he crashed into him. Three of his ribs were broken by the impact.

**HARRIMAN TO HAVE  
SERIOUS OPERATION  
THE LATEST RUMOR****Shipment of Oxygen to Magnate's Home Gives Rise to Talk.****STREET NOT MOVED  
BY MANY REPORTS****Railroad King Spends Time In doors—Physician Refuses to Be Interviewed.**

TURNER'S, N. Y., Aug. 27.—That Edward H. Harriman is to undergo an operation is the belief of the newspaper men who have been stationed here to watch the condition of the railroad magnate.

This belief was brought about this morning when two tanks of oxygen were brought to the railroad station on the Erie road by special train. The tanks were hurried by the inclined railroad to Arden, the magnate's home.

Dr. Lyle, Mr. Harriman's physician, declined to answer any questions about the probability of an operation, which rumor says is for cancer, and he did not act as though he believed Mr. Harriman's condition more serious than in the past few days.

The inaccessibility of Mr. Harriman's home makes it impossible to confirm any of the hundreds of rumors that reach here as to his condition, and it is possible that the two tanks of oxygen were brought for some other purpose than to be used in case of an operation on the railroad king.

There seems to be no response in Wall Street to the rumor of an operation.

**Oxygen Arrives.**  
Shortly before 10 o'clock, the oxygen was unloaded at the Arden station from a special train, consisting of an engine and baggage car. The tanks were immediately loaded into one of the Harriman automobiles, which made a flying trip to the inclined railroad and thence to the Harriman home on Tower Hill.

At 10:30 two men, who had every appearance of being physicians, left the train at Turner's. They carried medical bags. When asked by a reporter for their mission, one of the men replied: "Don't bother us. The doctor has jumped into another waiting automobile and was carried away to the inclined railroad, to the Harriman home."

Harriman has not walked 100 steps since going to Arden and his automobile carried him to the top of Tower Hill. An invalid's chair almost a portable couch, carries him about the Tower Hill when he is not in bed.

Harriman has slept in the veranda, about 4:30 in the afternoon. Dr. Lyle ordered him indoors as soon as he found him ill.

Harriman is guarded in his home even more closely than a Russian Czar. No man sees him save when he so wills.

**Is An Ideal Retreat.**  
No one is allowed to bother him rest save the men he summons. A more ideal place for a retreat from observing eyes could not be found. Harriman's estate covers the entire mountain, about fourteen square miles. The home is on a crag on Tower Hill, 400 feet high. There are two, and only two, ways of getting there. One is by an automobile road, winding about the mountain from its base. The other is by a steep incline, built to carry materials up the mountain for the new house.

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**Miss Edna Schaeffer, Philadelphia Teacher, Victim of Accident Near Summer Resort.**

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Although several men dived to the bottom of the stream and groped for the young woman's body, their efforts were frustrated and the body was not recovered until several hours later.

**PRACTICE SQUADRON  
RESTS AT ANNAPOLIS**

**Assistant Secretary Beekman Winthrop May Inspect the Midshipmen Brigade.**

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 27.—The ships of the summer practice fleet, with the midshipmen aboard, which arrived off Annapolis last night, entered the harbor this morning and are at anchor in the stream. The midshipmen will be granted leave tomorrow morning.

An additional day might have been granted, but the authorities are awaiting word from Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop, who is expected to return from the cruise. The academic year will open September 30.

**WOMAN IS DROWNED,  
HAD FLOATING WINGS**

**Philadelphia Teacher Becomes Entangled in Swimming Apparatus.**

OCEAN CITY, N. J., Aug. 27.—Miss Eleanor Kennedy, aged twenty-five years, a school teacher in a public school in Kensington, Philadelphia, was drowned here today while bathing. Miss Kennedy wore a pair of floating wings which carried her out beyond her depth. Becoming frightened, she became entangled in the wings, and before help reached her she was drowned.

**LARNED IS WINNER  
OF TENNIS TITLE**

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 27.—Larned won the national tennis championship in five sets. Summary, 6-1, 6-2, 6-7, 1-6, 6-1.

**\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return.**  
Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except the "Congressional Limited." —Adv.

**Conflict Over Question of Precedence**

MARQUIS DE VILLALOBAR, NEW SPANISH MINISTER.

**STRIKE-BREAKERS  
GO OUT ON STRIKE****Men at Pittsburg Plant Make Charges of Bad Treatment.**

PITTSBURG, Aug. 27.—Declaring that they had "been treated worse than dogs, given rotten food, threatened with having their heads blown off, and not paid what they had been promised," 200 men, brought to the Pittsburg Steel Car Company's plant as strike-breakers, walked out in a body today.

The men stated that there were about 800 more strike-breakers in the plant and that they were going to quit tomorrow morning. This will again completely tie up all work in the shops.

Some of the men who left the shops today will be taken before Special Government Agent Hoagland at once and asked to testify in the peonage investigation.

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**REYES' FOLLOWERS  
THREATEN RIOTING****Government Officials Friendly to Opponent of Diaz Being Removed.**

MONTEREY, Mexico, Aug. 27.—That little is needed to start rioting among the followers of General Reyes is the belief here following the circulation of conflicting rumors from Galeana, where Reyes is said to have been held virtually a prisoner for several weeks.

These rumors have had a disquieting effect on Reyes' followers. Today's reports, though generally indefinite, agree that there is a sudden renewal of activity of the troops surrounding Galeana.

Whether Reyes has escaped and the troops are seeking him, or whether the troops following the reported break between Reyes and President Diaz are making it certain that Reyes cannot appear in Monterey on September 16 as he had promised, cannot be learned.

The activity of the troops, whatever the cause, is generally construed by the Reyes followers as an unfriendly action on the part of the administration. The Reyes followers are armed, and an outbreak is feared.

Government officials friendly to Reyes are being quietly removed. This also has an inflammatory effect on the Reyes action.

**CAPITAL TOO WET  
FOR TENNESSEAN**

**Man Who Has Been Here 100 Days, and 95 of Them in Jail, Long for Home.**

"Judge, your honor, I want to go back to Johnson City, Tenn., because it is dry down there," was the request of William Thomas when he was arraigned before Judge Kimball in Police Court this morning on a charge of vagrancy.

Thomas, who is a veteran of the civil war, pleaded with his honor to let him go home. "Judge, I fought for the freedom of my country, but I don't think much of the freedom of the Capital of this glorious land of the free. I have been here only 100 days and have spent ninety-five in jail. This town has too many temptations for me and I can't keep sober where so much liquor is flowing. I want to go back to the town of my birth where everything is dry."

"All right, Thomas," replied his honor. "I shall send you down for sixty days to get the liquor out of your system, and then you can go back to Tennessee."

**TWO MORE ENTRIES  
FOR FLORAL PARADE**

**Joseph Strasburger Will Have Two Automobiles in Chamber of Commerce Pageant—Mayor Breitmeyer Will Judge.**

Joseph Strasburger, proprietor of the Family Shoe Store, today entered two cars in the Chamber of Commerce automobile floral parade, which is to be held September 30. One of them is his Wayne touring car, which will compete for a prize in one of the floral sections. The other is a delivery car, which will compete in the commercial section.

Mr. Strasburger's entries, it is believed, will lead the way for a large number that will now be made, following the committee's decision regarding the number of classes in the parade. Besides being a member of the committee on arrangement, and entering two cars, Mr. Strasburger is also the donor of one of the handsome silver cups that have been offered as first prizes.

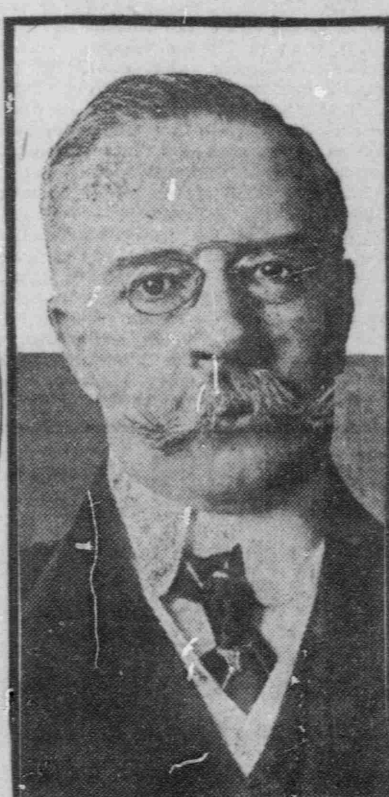
Chairman Isaac Gans today received the following letter from Mayor Philip Breitmeyer, of Detroit, who will officiate as one of the judges of the parade:

"Dear Mr. Gans:  
"On my return from an absence from the city, I find your letter of August 11, with its very kind invitation to be one of the judges for the floral automobile parade in your city on September 30.

"Please say to the committee that I shall take great pleasure in accepting the invitation and officiating as one of your judges.

"Yours very truly,  
"PHILIP BREITMEYER."

As Mr. Breitmeyer's acceptance leaves possibly only one other judge to be selected, arrangements probably will be concluded at Wednesday night's meeting of the committee to make this selection. It is understood the name of a well-known out-of-town florist has been suggested, but no appointment will be made until the committee has carefully considered the matter.



SENOR DE LA BARRA, Ambassador from Mexico.

**SENOR DE LA BARRA  
DEFENDS HIS RANK****Would Take Precedence Over Marquis If Latter Represented King.**

"Even if the Marquis de Villalobar had been the personal representative of the King I would have taken precedence over him," said Don Francisco Leon de la Barra ambassador from Mexico to the United States, this morning.

Senor de la Barra, who was invited to be present at the "King Wamba" carnival of Toledo, Ohio, declined to attend a banquet which marked the close of this festival after he had accepted an invitation, because the chamber of commerce of the Ohio city informed him that the Marquis de Villalobar would take precedence.

"If the Marquis de Villalobar were the personal representative of the King," said Senor de la Barra, "it would make no difference. He presented his credentials to the State Department as minister from Spain, and not as a personal representative of his King. I am the representative of all of my country, and President Diaz and an ambassador must take precedence over a minister."

"The president of the chamber of commerce of Toledo is entirely misunderstanding diplomatic affairs. The rules of precedence in the United States are so simple and clear that it is surprising that there was any misunderstanding. Officials of the State Department, while not wishing to enter into any discussion of the Toledo matter, admitted today that in diplomatic matters, Senor de la Barra would take precedence over the marquis."

**Diplomatic Corps Interested.**  
Walls most of the diplomatic corps is out of the city for the summer months, among those who are still stalling in the Capital there are great interest today in the Villalobar-de la Barra incident.

While Marquis Villalobar and Luis Pastor, the secretary of the Spanish Legation, are still out of the city and after the famous city in Spain, where the good blades were made, thought it would be entirely fitting if Spain could be induced to send a representative.

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**ATTORNEYS DECLARE  
LAND OFFICE WORK  
IS GREATLY BEHIND****New Methods Said to Be Working in Contrary Directions.****DENNETT OPTIMISTIC  
OVER THE OUTCOME****Commissioner Hopeful That by Forced Work Department May Catch Up.**

That the General Land Office is in a demoralized condition, three months behind in its work, and hopelessly entangled in an effort to work out a complex card system to replace the old ledger system is the claim made by many Washington attorneys doing business with the office, and supported by the statements of Government employees.

The office is declared to be in bad shape, with clerks remaining work nights when ordered to by chiefs who are making a desperate effort to whip the snarled records of the Government and grants into shape.

The heads of the bureau have been making every effort to keep secret the exact state of affairs, while every expedient that could be thought of has been employed to remedy, if possible, the system and make it practicable.

Fred Dennett, Commissioner of the Land Office, admitted this afternoon that the office was having much difficulty, but was optimistic of the outcome.

"We have a very difficult task on our hands," he said. "I keep Commission made certain recommendations regarding the methods of business at the Land Office, as a result of which former Secretary Garfield retained a New York firm of business experts to plan a new system. It is the working out of this system that is causing the trouble, just as the introduction of any new method will cause more or less confusion."

The work of putting in the new card index system began before Mr. Dennett took charge, and he, as well as the subordinates, is working night and day to straighten out the tangle.

Indications are that a shaking up is afoot at Land Office, due to the conditions in that office, and apart from any matters that may arise in connection with the Alaska coal cases.

It is claimed that the business of the General Land Office is not only running behind, but is in a state of confusion. It is alleged that the effect of this is to work hardship to homesteaders and to whom the quick dispatch of business is a part of the Interior Department's important.

Relief information is to the effect that the new methods are working in two directions; first, it is increasing largely the cost of running the office; second, it is making it difficult to facilitate the handling of the cases before the General Land Office, but has tended to throw things into confusion.

**New System Is Costly.**  
Instead of bringing order out of chaos, it appears the new system thus far has worked chiefly to eat a hole into Uncle Sam's pocket. It is said to have cost the Government from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to put into operation, and some estimates put the cost much beyond that figure. The new system is one of handling the bulk of the cases before the Land Office, by a system of card-indexing, instead of by the system of card-indexing, based on numerals and on names which has been in use for years.

Attorneys doing business with the Land Office are besieged with letters from clients making urgent requests that their claims receive early action. When the General Land Office officials are asked about such cases the attorneys are told that the work of the office is largely in arrears on account of the new business methods. Before the new system was installed, the General Land Office was practically current to all the needs of the public, and there was reasonably early adjudication of claims.

**Employees Are Disorganized.**  
Strict orders have been issued to the clerks in the General Land Office to bring to outsiders about the condition of things in the office. Good ground exists for believing that the employees are in a disorganized and demoralized state. The new serial method of filing was installed by the representatives of a New York filing concern. It was inaugurated with the idea that the office was in need of more up-to-date business methods. The same system was installed in the Patent Office. So far as can be learned, it has worked well there, but the demands in the two offices are not the same. The General Land Office, through a series of years, has built up established a chain of records which run into the hundreds of thousands and to which the office had a complete record. Now, it is charged that attorneys are finding it takes hours to find cases which had the misfortune to get into the mill of serialization.

One of the troubles in the General Land Office has arisen from an effort to get clerks to work nights. In the effort to get the new system straightened out a number of the clerks are working nights. Others have been asked to do so and have refused.

As an indication of the increased expense of the new system, it appears the number of clerks in what is known as division D, which has charge of the mails and files, has increased from about twenty-five to eighty. This is one source of increased expense. Another source is an elaborate system of filing cases.

It is charged that it has been found necessary for clerks frequently to be sent from the Washington office to the local land offices to straighten them out with respect to the new system.

**TO DISCUSS CUBAN LOTTERY.**  
HAVANA, Aug. 27.—Director of Posts Nadarra will leave today for the United States. It is believed that he goes in response to a call to Washington to talk about measures to exclude from the mails tickets for the national lottery, the sale of which will begin August 30.